



## Establishment of the Arizona Public Safety Broadband Network (AzPSBN) Workgroup

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**Background:** In accordance with ARS Section 41-3542, subsection A-7, the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC) has the authority to establish committees or workgroups on matters under consideration by the PSCC. In accordance with the [PSCC Operating Principles Document](#), each committee or workgroup shall have a stated purpose and shall confine its activities to that purpose. Committee and workgroups shall report on their activities and provide related advice at PSCC meetings. The advice of these groups will be advisory only.

**Proposed Action:** The Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC) directs the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) office to establish the Arizona Public Safety Broadband Network (AzPSBN) Workgroup in order to provide advice and make recommendations to the PSCC on matters related to the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) and the AzPSBN. The workgroup shall:

- Track NPSBN progress, in particular:
  - The Interoperability Board's minimum technical requirements for the NPSBN
  - First Net's progress on RAN planning
  - Input/decisions from other agencies such as the FCC, NTIA, DHS, OEC, etc.
- Work with the Arizona Public Safety community to advise the PSCC on State-wide standards for interoperability on the NPSBN.
- Work with the Arizona Public Safety community to plan how Arizona will interact with the NPSBN.
- Advise the PSIC Office on preparing a grant request under the State and Local Implementation Grant Program
- Provide input to the SCIP update effort as it relates to broadband planning.
- Plan and prepare for the FirstNet RFP proposal by recommending minimum criteria based on Arizona's public safety needs.
- Perform the research and analysis required to provide substantive input on the Opt-In/Opt-Out decision.
- Work with the Digital Arizona project and 9-1-1 programs to assure integration and to identify synergies.
- Report back to the PSCC on progress and key recommendations.